

[CHAPTER 545]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948

[H. R. 5891]

[Public Law 714]

To repeal an Act approved August 24, 1894, entitled "An Act to authorize the purchasers of the property and franchises of the Choctaw Coal and Railway Company to organize a corporation, and to confer upon the same all the powers, privileges, and franchises vested in that company", and all Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

Choctaw, Okla-
homa and Gulf Rail-
road Co.

Whereas Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company, a corporation created under and by virtue of the Act approved August 24, 1894, having become insolvent, and title to all of its railways and other properties, and ownership of all of its shares of capital stock, having passed to and become vested in Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware, and all of its indebtedness discharged, by virtue of and pursuant to consummation order and final decree entered by the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, on December 30, 1947: Therefore

Repeal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved August 24, 1894, entitled "An Act to authorize the purchasers of the property and franchises of the Choctaw Coal and Railway Company to organize a corporation and to confer upon the same all the powers, privileges, and franchises vested in that company" (28 Stat. L. 502), and all Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, be, and the same are hereby, repealed; and all the rights, powers, immunities, privileges, and franchises, which have been heretofore granted to or conferred upon Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company by any Act or Acts of Congress shall be, and the same are, terminated.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 546]

AN ACT

June 10, 1948

[H. R. 5957]

[Public Law 715]

To provide for the establishment of the Fort Vancouver National Monument, in the State of Washington, to include the site of the old Hudson's Bay Company stockade, and for other purposes.

Ft. Vancouver Na-
tional Monument,
Wash.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of establishing a Federal area of national historical importance for the benefit of the people of the United States, to be known as the "Fort Vancouver National Monument", the Administrator of the War Assets Administration and the Secretary of the Army are authorized to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, without exchange of funds, administrative jurisdiction over such federally owned lands and other property, real or personal, under their jurisdiction, including the site of the old Hudson's Bay Company stockade in the State of Washington, as they shall find to be surplus to the needs of their respective agencies, such properties to be selected, with their approval, by the Secretary of the Interior for inclusion within the national monument.

Total area.

SEC. 2. The total area of the national monument as established or as enlarged by transfers pursuant to this Act shall not exceed ninety acres. Establishment of the monument shall be effective, upon publication in the Federal Register of notice of such establishment, following the transfer to the Secretary of the Interior of administrative jurisdiction over such lands as the Secretary of the Interior shall deem to be sufficient for purposes of establishing the national monument. Additional lands may be added to the monument in accordance with the procedure prescribed in section 1 hereof, governing surplus

Additional lands.

properties, or by donation, subject to the maximum acreage limitation prescribed by this Act, upon publication of notice thereof in the Federal Register.

SEC. 3. The administration, protection, and development of the aforesaid national monument shall be exercised under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior by the National Park Service, subject to the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes", as amended.

Administration, etc.

16 U. S. C. §§ 1-4, 22, 43.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 547]

AN ACT

To amend section 202 of title II of the Army-Navy Medical Services Corps Act of 1947, as amended, to remove the present restriction on appointments to the Navy Medical Service Corps.

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 5983]
[Public Law 716]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 202 of title II of the Army-Navy Medical Services Corps Act of 1947, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

61 Stat. 737.
34 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 30c nota.

"SEC. 202. During the period that appointments to the Regular Navy may be made pursuant to section 5 of the Act of April 18, 1946 (60 Stat. 92), appointments to the Medical Service Corps may be made in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, in addition to appointments authorized by section 203 of this title."

34 U. S. C. § 15; Supp. I, § 15.

61 Stat. 737.
34 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 30d.

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[CHAPTER 548]

AN ACT

To provide for the acquisition of lands for grazing and related purposes.

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 6073]
[Public Law 717]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (a) of section 8 of the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269, 1272), as amended by the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1976; 43 U. S. C., sec. 315g), is hereby amended to read as follows: "That where such action will promote the purposes of a district or facilitate the administration of the public lands, the Secretary is authorized to accept on behalf of the United States any lands within or without the exterior boundaries of a grazing district as a gift."

Acquisition of grazing land.

SEC. 2. The last sentence of section 9 of the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269, 1273), is hereby amended by substituting for the words "the district" the following: "lands within or without the exterior boundaries of a grazing district".

43 U. S. C. § 315h.

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[CHAPTER 549]

AN ACT

To permit the landing of halibut by Canadian fishing vessels to Alaskan ports, and for other purposes.

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 6110]
[Public Law 718]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of section 4311 of the Revised Statutes (46 U. S. C. 251), Canadian fishing vessels engaged in the North Pacific halibut fishery only shall be permitted to land their catches of halibut and sable fish (black cod) in ports of entry in Alaska, upon compliance with applicable customs laws, during any period prior to January

Canadian fishing vessels.
Landing of halibut at Alaskan ports.